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Soviet Troops in Brandenburg

EVALUATION see below 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 2 to 16 February 1952

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REMARKS

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25X1 [Redacted] 1. On 2 February 1952, [Redacted] four watchtowers were being erected in the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse, Brandenburg (M 53/K 23). Six officers and about 40 men performed close-order drill. [Redacted] 25X1

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25X1 2. On 7 February, 60 soldiers with full equipment practiced on the obstacle course of the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse. [Redacted] On the training field near the Pioneer Kaserne on Einsteinstrasse, there were 12 officers and 60 to 70 men engaged in driving and firing practice with two T-34/85 tanks. They were firing at small dummy tanks, and probably used subcaliber tubes.

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[Redacted] 3. On 14 February, troops practiced aiming with two artillery pieces of about 210-mm on caterpillar tracks in the Generalfeldzeugmeistere. A telephone line was strung from the gun position to an observation post in the training area on Plauer Lake. The observation post was provided with a small range finder and a field telephone.

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25X1 [Redacted] 4. [Redacted] Three armored personnel carriers mounting heavy machine guns and towing 100-mm AT guns subsequently left the installation. Six more 100-mm AT guns and several armored half-track vehicles stood in the barracks yard. [Redacted]

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25X1 [Redacted] 5. On 13 February, [Redacted] each occupied by 4 or 5 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, moved out of the Flak Kaserne. Eight of the trucks towed 57-mm model 43 AT guns. The column returned during the evening. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area. About 15 to 18 officers were seen walking from the installation to a building on Fouquestrasse [Redacted] 18 to 20 more officers [Redacted] and during the day, individual 25X1

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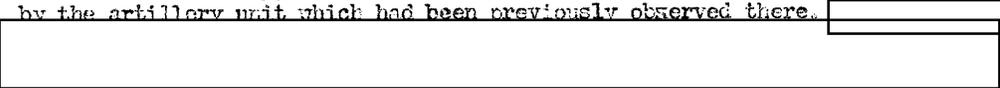
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officers were seen walking from the installation to the building. All of the officers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

- 6. Prior to 16 February, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was still occupied by the artillery unit which had been previously observed there.

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- 7. Up to 16 February, the Flak Kaserne quartered at least 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Few watchtowers had been erected along the front of the installation. Six 85-mm AT guns were in the yard on 14 February.

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[Redacted] the troops would soon leave for the Altengrabow (M 53/E 00) troop training grounds and stay there for the duration of the summer. *

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- 8. A column of eight tractors towing four artillery pieces of about 180-mm, which were broken into two loads for road movement; [Redacted] was seen driving toward Britz airfield from the direction of Brandenburg on 15 February. The gun carriages were equipped with caterpillar tracks. The gun crews sat on the tractors towing the barrel carrier, but two men each sat on either side of the gun carriage.

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* [Redacted] Comment. The report confirms previous conclusions regarding the identity of the units carried in the barracks installations in Brandenburg. [Redacted] For the first time since the 1951 fall maneuvers, the present report mentions 100-mm AT guns in the Flak Kaserne and thus fairly definitely proves the location there of a light or medium and of a heavy AT artillery regiment of the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Brig.

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